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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached forms PTO-1449. Except for WO 98/54282 which the International Search Report indicates is a substantively cumulative English language counterpart of DE 19721886, copies of each of these references were supplied, along with a copy of the International Search Report when this application entered the U.S. national phase. Hence only copies of the above-mentioned English language reference, U.S. Patent 6,306,808 and the European Search Report (the cited references are the same as listed in the International Search Report) are enclosed herewith.

Applicants would also like to bring to the Examiner's attention copending application Nos. 09/077,047, 09/835,176, 09/835,245; 09/914,911, 09/914,865 and 09/914,741.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 forms.

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